

SCOIL MHUIRE BUNCRANA

NEWSLETTER #7



JANUARY 2026

Catholic Schools Week 2026



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Normal Lives, Called to Holiness



Opening Mass CSW 2026

Ms. Barron was accompanied by 3 TY students and attended the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry.



Daily Prayers

Two Scoil Mhuire students introduced Catholic Schools Week over our intercom and led our school community in Prayer. Our students in RE class wrote their prayer intentions and a poster display at Reception which was designed and created by Ms L. Doherty's 6th Year RE class.



Love and Friendship

Faith based groupwork activity: Escape Room Theme "The Journey of Faith". Our students worked together to uncover clues that guided them through key religious ideas.



Family Life-Grandparents Day-Gratitude

Our students wrote letters or cards to grandparents, relatives or someone who is a positive influence in their lives.

Service and Courage

We had student-led Morning Prayers in the Convent Chapel. This prayer service was organised and led by our students who are participating in the Pope John Paul II Awards.

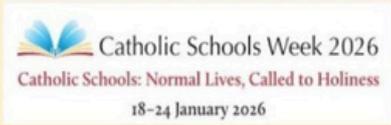


Joy and Mission

St. Brigid's Crosses: Ms K. McGonagle's 6th Year students are making and selling St. Brigid's Crosses continuing the mission to spread joy with symbols of faith and protection.



Saints and Influential People Bingo
Catholic Schools Week 2026



Choose nine random people from the list below and add them to your table

Mother Teresa	Malala Yousafzai	St Jude	St Joan of Arc	St Patrick
St Nicholas	St Gerard	St Therese of Lisieux	St Vincent de Paul	Mahatma Gandhi
St Joseph	St Maximilian Kolbe	Catherine McAuley	St John Paul II	St Anthony
Martin Luther King Jr	Sr Clare Crockett	St Augustine	St Francis of Assisi	Lorraine O'Connor
Pope Francis	St Christopher	Carlo Acutis	Greta Thunberg	St Stephen

Clue 6

Known for helping people find lost things.



Clue 21

The first Christian Martyr.

Feast day is also known as Boxing Day.

Clue 24

Our TY students do awards in this saint's honour



Reflection

Which person do you relate to most?

Which ones lived faith as a teenager?

Do you have a favourite Saint?



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Service and Courage

Bingo - Our students participated in a Bingo game in RE class on Saints and People who have shown service and courage in our world.



Prayer and Treat for Exams

All 3rd and 6th Year students will receive a prayer and treat before their Mock Exams.



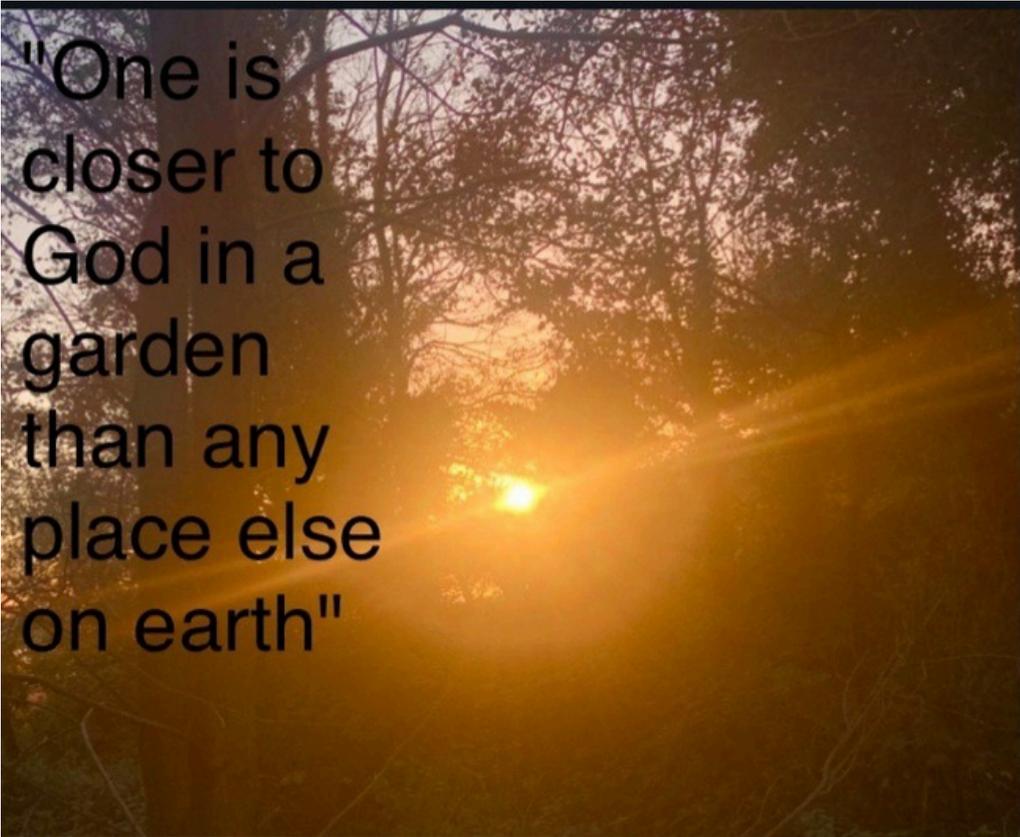
CSW Photo Competition

See below some beautiful examples of photos taken from the world around us - Find the extraordinary in the ordinary. As Catholic Schools Week draws to a close, these photos remind us to find moments of holiness and reflection in our ordinary lives.



*"We should be the shining lamps, to
all around us"*

Catherine McAuley



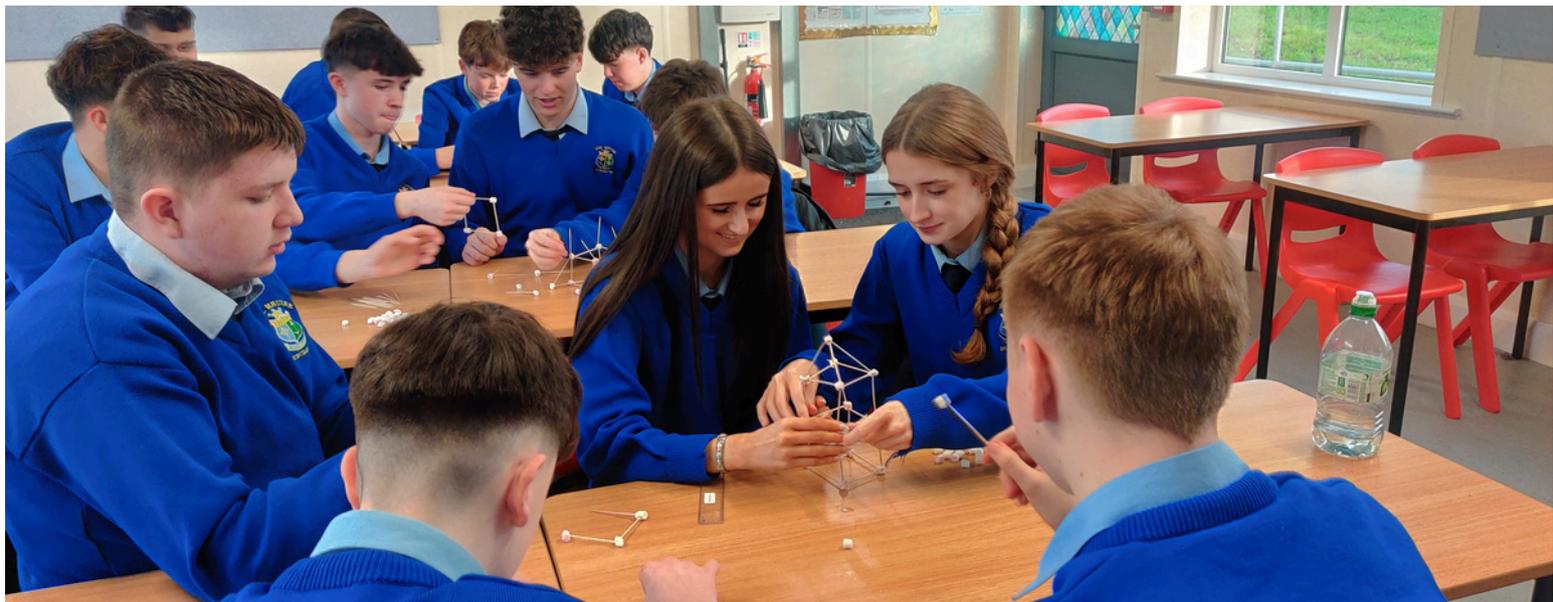
"One is
closer to
God in a
garden
than any
place else
on earth"



SEAI Energy Workshops

We recently welcomed William McElhinney, who delivered a series of engaging and interactive energy workshops on behalf of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). Second Year CSPE, Third Year Science and Transition Year Science students took part in hands-on activities and discussions exploring energy sources, renewable energy, sustainability and global citizenship, with a particular focus on Donegal.

The workshops provided students with a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of energy efficiency and climate action, while making strong links to their classroom learning. We would like to thank SEAI for providing these informative workshops and for supporting our students in developing awareness of sustainable energy for the future. Our thanks to Ms. Gralton for organising these workshops.



Warhammer Club

The Scoil Mhuire Warhammer Club is thrilled to have received generous donations of Warhammer army sets from Porters Computers in Buncrana, The Donegal Dice Flingers and the Warhammer shop in Derry. Our students can't wait to start painting and battling with these new models! The Warhammer/Dungeons and Dragons Club meets every Friday from 1:30–3:30 pm, and everyone is welcome to join. Our thanks to Ms. Quigley.



WARHAMMER



Pantomime 2025

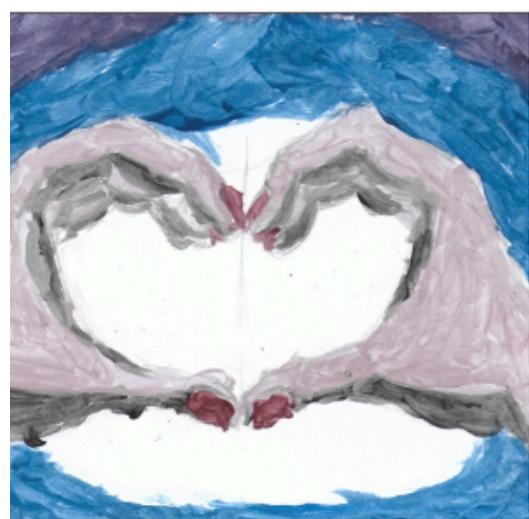
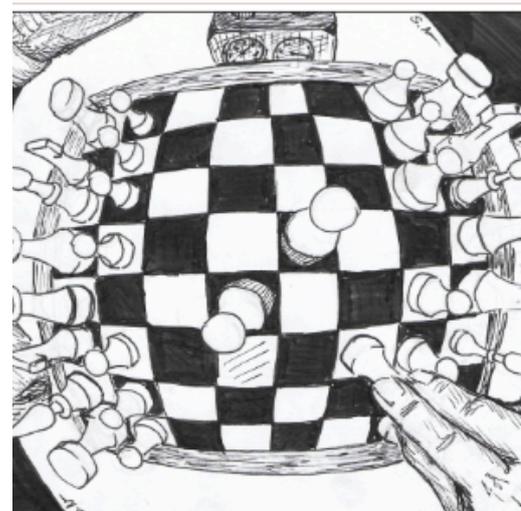
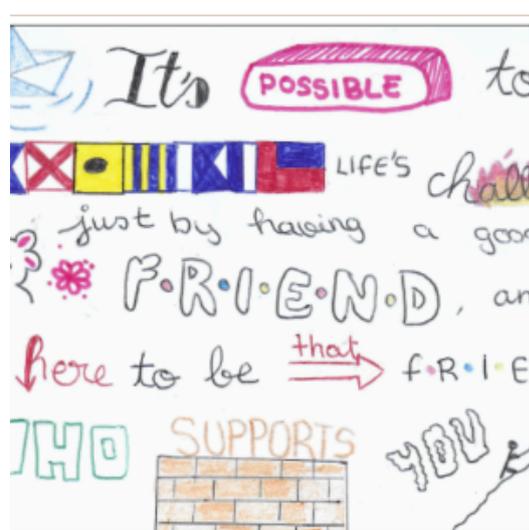
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our trip to the pantomime. The students really enjoyed it and it was incredibly heart-warming to see. Our students had a fantastic day in Derry and all were exceptionally well behaved. Our sincere thanks to SNA Meta McGonigle for organising this annual trip to the Millenium Forum and to all SNAs and teachers who accompanied our students on the day.



Art at Scoil Mhuire

Celebrating Jane Austin through Art

Twelve of our students took part in a creative postcard project with the British Council and the National Library of Ireland to mark Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Inspired by Austen and Irish writer Maria Edgeworth, they explored the theme of friendship, creating postcards that were first displayed at the National Library of Ireland and later at Jane Austen's House in the UK. The project was featured on both radio and TV, including BBC RTÉ Radio 1 and TG4.



Art at Scoil Mhuire

Christmas Card Exchange

Our students created a wonderful collection of Christmas cards which were digitally exchanged with students from Exploits Valley Intermediate School in Newfoundland, Canada. This exchange marked the beginning of an exciting Art collaboration that will continue for the remainder of the school year, giving students the opportunity to share their creativity and learn about life and culture in another country through Art.

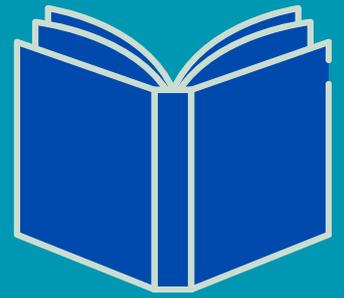
Well done to all 34 students who were involved in the exchange. Our students really enjoyed seeing the work created by their Canadian peers. If any other students are interested in taking part in future exchanges, they are welcome to speak with Ms. Quigley.



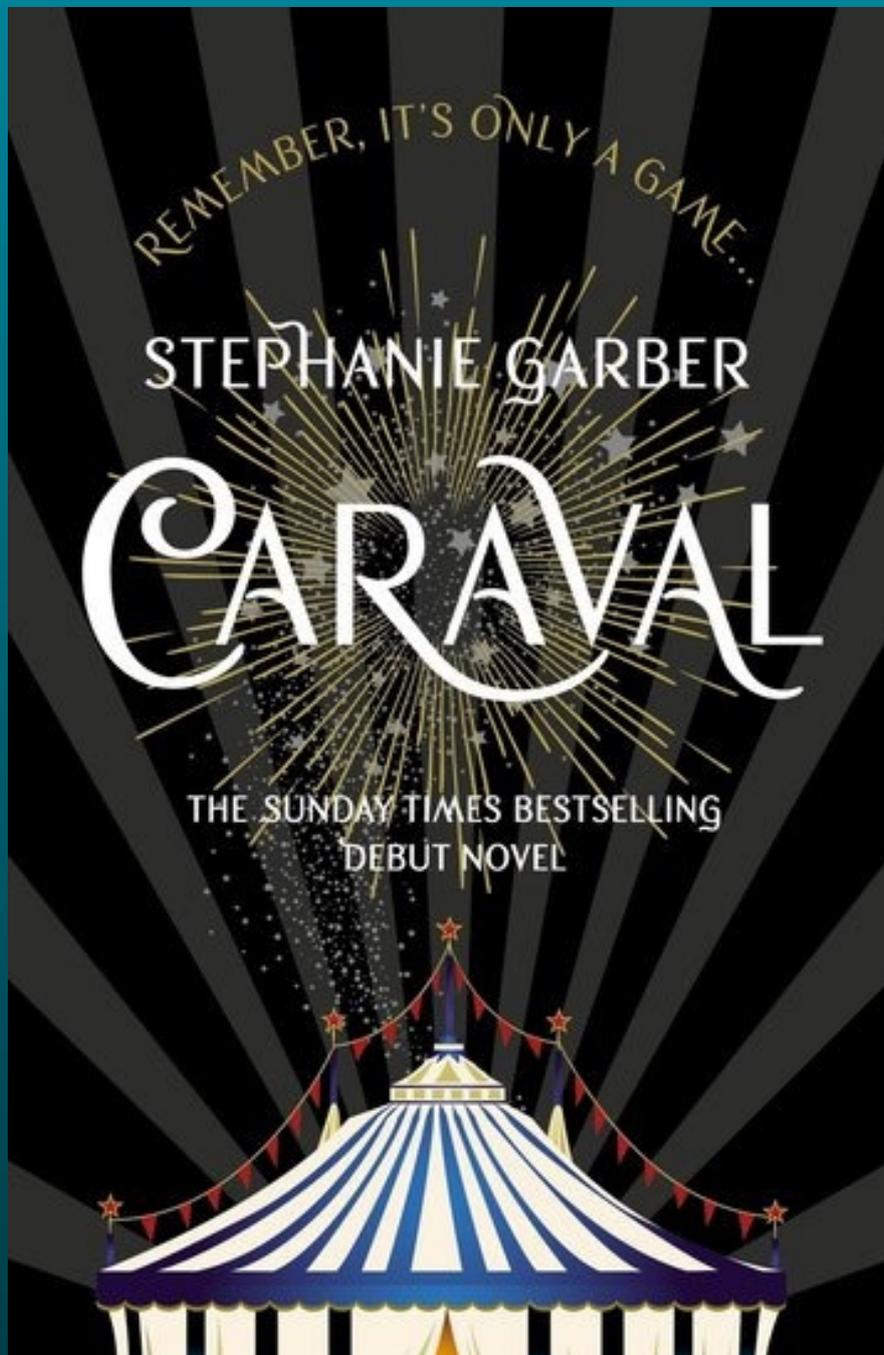
Scoil Mhuire Buncrana



BOOK CLUB



Meets every Thursday at Lunchtime in the Library



Everyone Welcome!

Spórt i Scoil Mhuire

1st Year Boys top the League

Huge congratulations to the Scoil Mhuire 1st Year Boys on a superb victory in the Donegal Schools League Final. The lads showed incredible resilience against a strong Moville Community College side. After falling behind early and conceding again at the start of the second half, Scoil Mhuire dug deep. A brilliant header from Daithí McDaid 1B pulled one back with 15 minutes to go, before Alejandro Alvarez De Miguel 1F dramatically equalised with the final kick of the game to force extra time.

With nothing to separate the teams after extra-time, it came down to penalties. A fantastic save from Dylan Lawrence 1F gave Jayden Burns 1B the chance to step up and slot home the winning penalty. An outstanding team effort that now earns the boys a place in the Ulster Quarter Finals. Our thanks to their coaches Mr. D. McLaughlin and Mr. Lonagan.





1st Year Soccer Development

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From the Sidelines

The match between Scoil Mhuire and Carndonagh Community School took place on Thursday the 15th of January 2026. The match took place in Buncrana. At half-time the score was 0-0.

The score at full time was 2-0. It was a brilliant match to watch. Well done to all of the boys for all their hard work and effort.

The next match is against St Eunan's College Letterkenny. The match will be played in Letterkenny on Tuesday the 20th of January 2026.

-By Jack Harkin, 3rd year



The match between Scoil Mhuire and Loreto Community School, Milford, took place on the 9th of January.

The match took place in Milford. It was an interesting match. The score at half time was 3-0.

During the second half a Milford player got a yellow card. Both teams played well. Scoil Mhuire played their best. A boy called Ozzy scored a goal for Scoil Mhuire. The score at full time was 4-1.

-By Jack Harkin, 3rd year



U16 Camogie

Hard luck to our U16 Camogie team who recently lost to Dominican College, Portstewart. While leading at half time, they were disappointed to lose with a final score of 8-6 to 6-7. Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach. It was an incredible achievement for this team to get to the Ulster Camogie Final. Our thanks to Ms. H. McDermott and Ms. C. McDermott for accompanying the players.



Our U17 Girls Soccer team were recently in action against Carndonagh Community School.



Breast Care Talk

Our TY and 5th Year girls were afforded the fantastic opportunity to avail of a breast care and breast cancer talk from Rachel Deeney Fitzgerald - a breast cancer survivor herself who now works with Breast Cancer Ireland. Our 6th year girls will avail of the same talk on the 19th of March. We are delighted to be able to educate our senior girls on this very important topic and we thank Rachel for making the three hour trip to deliver it. Our sincere thanks to Ms. D. Dowds for organising this talk.



TY Enterprise

Our TY Enterprise students attended ATU Enterprise workshops on Thursday 15 January, where they gained valuable insights into the world of business and entrepreneurship.

The students heard inspiring talks from Eve Anne McCarron, Circular Dress Collaborative and Michael Murphy. Throughout the day, they explored four key areas: Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Networking, PR & Communications for Small Businesses, and Product Costing. The workshops provided a practical and engaging learning experience for all involved.

Thanks to Paul McCusker (ATU), Victoria Wilson (ATU) and Ms. O'Donovan for organising this event.



Entrance Exams 2026

Well done to all of our incoming 1st years who completed their entrance exams on Saturday, 17 January. They really are a fantastic group of students and we look forward to welcoming them into our school community in August. Their visit to Scoil Mhuire will be a great support as they make the transition from primary to post-primary school.



Subject Option Evening - Incoming 1st Years

On Monday we had a subject options information evening for the parents and guardians of our incoming 1st years. There was a fantastic turnout on the evening during which we discussed the subjects offered by Scoil Mhuire, course and career implications and how to choose. A copy of the presentation from the night can be accessed [here](#)



3rd Year/TY Subject Choice Evening

Scoil Mhuire will host a **special information evening** for parents/guardians of **3rd Year and Transition Year (TY) students** regarding programme and subject choices for September 2026.

This event has been brought forward to allow students more time to consider their programme and subject choices and to support timetable development, arising from these choices, for the next academic year (2026-2027).

Who should attend?

7.00pm

Transition Year Programme

Parents/guardians of 3rd Year students transferring to TY in Sept 2026.

Parents/guardians of current TY students need not arrive until 7.30pm.

7.30pm

Programme choices and subject choices for 5th Years

- Traditional Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Programme
- New Life, Community and Work (LCW) Programme replacing LCVP

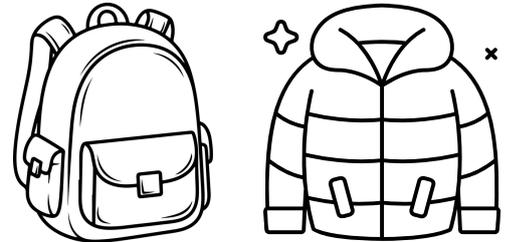
Please note that all 3rd Year and TY students will attend a dedicated Career Guidance information session during the school day on Monday 26 January which will include information on the relevant programmes and subject choices available to them at Senior Cycle.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support students in navigating these important choices.



Personal Belongings

Scoil Mhuire is a big and busy school and it is not unusual for personal belongings to get mislaid. We ask that all items of uniform and school bags are clearly labelled and identifiable. We do not encourage students to bring non-school coats to school and they do so at their own risk. Scoil Mhuire does not take responsibility for missing bags as all students have been given the opportunity to avail of a locker in which they can keep their personal belongings safe and secure.



Supervised Study

After-school supervised study runs every day in the Study Room from 16:00-18:00. The cost is €2 per session and this is paid to the supervising teacher. Supervised study offers students a fantastic opportunity to complete homework and study without distractions. Students who regularly attend supervised study report that they are less stressed at school, and say that they are able to stay on top of their work and have more free time at home. There is no need to register, simply turn up at the Study Room.

Deadlines for Projects and Coursework

Please see below links to information on the deadlines for Junior and Leaving Certificate students in relation to projects, coursework and practicals. Should you require any additional information, please contact the subject teacher.

[Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme \(LCVP\) LCVP Deadlines](#)

[Junior Cycle Completion Dates Junior Cycle Deadlines](#)

[Leaving Certificate Completion Dates Leaving Certificate Deadlines](#)

DEADLINE



The background features a stylized illustration of a bookshelf. On the left, a pink pot holds a green plant. The shelves are filled with books of various colors and designs, including one with a swan, one with a cat, and one with a rabbit. On the right, another pink pot holds a green plant with round leaves. The central text is surrounded by these decorative elements.

1ST YEAR HOMEWORK CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY 3.50 - 4.50

SM106

Contact Ms Folan
with any questions



Social Media

With social media playing an increasingly central role in teenagers' lives, it's important for parents and guardians to stay alert to the risks young people can face online, including oversharing, cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content and pressure to maintain a constant online presence. Open conversations at home, clear expectations around device use and regular check-ins can make a real difference in keeping young people safe and supported. For reliable, up-to-date guidance, we encourage you to visit [Webwise.ie](https://www.webwise.ie), which provides practical advice, step-by-step safety guides, and resources to help families navigate social media confidently and responsibly.



“Pause Before You Post”

Our “Pause Before You Post” Awareness Campaign is designed to show how those risks can play out in real life, as we learn from the family’s interactions with the three “strangers”. From their social media posts, Éabha’s parents have inadvertently “shared with the world” her name, age, date of birth, photos of her friends, the name and location of her football club, her training schedule and the fact that her Dad is not always on time to collect her. We also show how easy it is for images to end up in the wrong hands, as we see our third stranger downloading one of the photos of Éabha and saving it to his phone.

Click [here](#) for more information on Sharenting

Watch the DPC campaign video by clicking [here](#)



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Chosaint Sonraí**
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“Trends Are Fun... Until They’re Not.”



What is a Ship Account?

A “ship account” is a social media page created to “ship” (match or pair up) students often without their permission.

Think Before you Participate

- Always ask permission before posting or sharing someone’s name or photo
- Never submit pictures of classmates without consent
- Avoid commenting hurtfully or encouraging rumours
- Report pages that make students uncomfortable

Why can they be problematic?

Shares photos or names without

- permission
- Causes embarrassment or unwanted attention
- Leads to rumours, drama or bullying
- Can invade privacy
- Sometimes encourage online harassment

If a Ship Account Targets You

- Screenshot evidence
- Tell a trusted adult or teacher
- Report the account on the platform
- Remove the tag from the post
- Remember: You have the right to privacy and respect

RESPECT • CONSENT • SAFETY • FUN



Ask - Do I have



Think - Could this



Protect - Keep



Respect - Online



Need support? You're not alone!



Trusted mental health information and advice

[YourMentalHealth.ie](#) - easy-to-understand information about mental health and guidance on where to get support.
[SpunOut.ie](#) - created for young people, covering topics like mental health, relationships and daily life.
[Webwise](#) - information & resources on internet safety for young people.
[Aware Parents information](#) for supporting children experiencing depression and anxiety.

Support for specific needs

[BelongTo](#) - provides LGBTQ+ support groups and 1:1 chats, both online and in-person.
[Bodywhys](#) - safe space for those dealing with eating issues. Email alex@bodywhys.ie.
[ADHD Ireland Support for Parents](#) - free support groups for parents of ADHDers.
[AslAm](#) helpline - information and resources relating to autism. Call 0818 234 234
[Neurodiversity Ireland Parent/Carer Support WhatsApp Group information](#)

Chat, text and online support

[Jigsaw.ie](#) - provides livechat, group and in-person mental health support.
[Turn2me.ie](#) - run a monthly Parent/Caregiver Support Group
[Textaboutit.ie](#) - text 'Hello' to 50808 - free & anonymous 24/7 text service if you need someone to talk to.

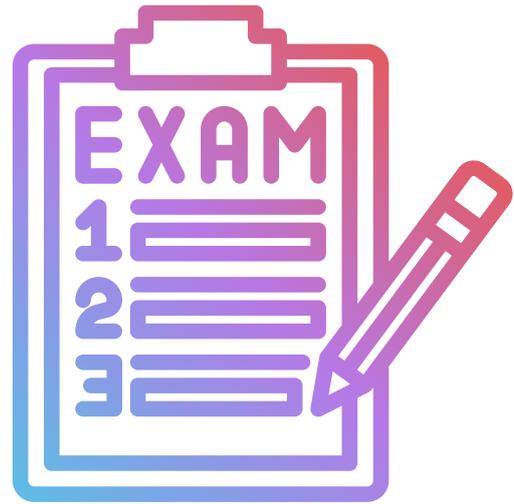
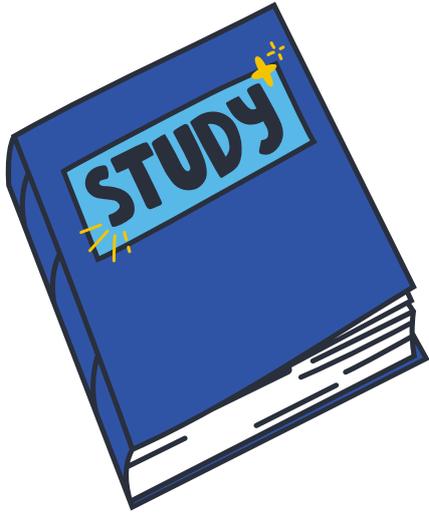
Parent/Family specific supports

[Parentline](#) - national, confidential helpline that offers parents support, information and guidance on all aspects of being a parent. Call 01 873 3500.
[National Parents Council](#) - helpline for queries on any aspect of your child's education. Call 01 887 4477
[One Family](#) supports one-parent families in Ireland through times of change or for people experiencing crisis pregnancies. Call 1890 662 212 or 01 662 9212.
[Family Carers Ireland](#) offers a range of supports and services for family carers. Call 1800 24 07 24.
Other resources: [CYPSC](#); [Supporting children and parents](#); [ISPCC](#); [Barnardos](#)

Other Free Support

[Pieta.ie](#) - provides free support help for anyone struggling with self-harm or suicidal thoughts. Call 1800 247 247 or text 'Help' to 51444
[Samaritans.org](#) - free talk service for those who are struggling to cope and/or feeling suicidal. Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie
[Teenline](#) - 1800 833 634
[Primary Care Psychology](#) - talk to your GP about free mental health support.

Mock Exams 2026



Timetables for the mock exams have now been issued to all students. The timetables can be accessed [here](#)

Please ask your son/daughter to read their timetable carefully and to organise books/notes to take with them for study periods before and after their exams.

Remember, it's a marathon and not a sprint. Students will be sitting full papers as opposed to the shorter assessments during house exams. For example, Irish Paper 1 is 1hr 30mins long and Irish Paper 2 is 3 hours long! So make sure to stay hydrated, eat well, get enough sleep and exercise to keep your head straight. As always, if you have any concerns or feel that you need support, please let us know and we'll do everything that we can.

The Mock Exams for **3rd, 6th year and LCA 2** students are provisionally set to run this year as follows:

- 3rd Year Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February
- 6th Year Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February
- LCA 2 Exams Thursday 29 January - Friday 13 February

Signing Out During Exams

Students wishing to sign-out between their exam sessions must have a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian. These permission slips will be issued to students closer to the exams. In the event that a student wishes to sign-out but has not returned their permission slip, then the normal attendance and appointments procedures will apply and a student will need to be collected in person by a parent or guardian. These procedures are in place out of a duty of care for the safety and wellbeing of our students.



LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2026

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JUNE	SUBJECT	TIME
H=Higher Level O = Ordinary Level F =Foundation Level		
WEDNESDAY 3	English, Paper 1 - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
	Home Economics, Scientific and Social - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
THURSDAY 4	Engineering - O	9.30 – 12.00
	Engineering - H	9.30 – 12.30
	English, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 5.20
FRIDAY 5	Geography - H & O	9.30 – 12.20
MONDAY 8	Mathematics, Paper 1 - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Mathematics, Paper 2 - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
		9.30 – 12.00
TUESDAY 9	Irish Paper 1 Irish - H (incl aural)	2.00 – 4.20
	Irish, Paper 2 - F (incl aural)	2.00 – 3.50
		2.00 – 4.20
		9.30 – 11.50
WEDNESDAY 10	Irish, Paper 2 - O	9.30 – 12.35
THURSDAY 11	- H	2.00 – 5.00
	Biology - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
FRIDAY 12	French - H & O - Written	12.10 – 12.50
	- Aural	2.00 – 4.50
MONDAY 15	History - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Business - O	9.30 – 12.30
	Business - H	2.00 – 4.30
	Construction Studies - O - H	2.00 – 5.00
	Construction Studies - H & O - Written	9.30 – 12.00
	German - Aural	12.10 – 12.50
		2.00 – 4.30
		9.30 – 12.00
	Art, Visual Studies - H & O	12.10 – 12.50
		9.30 – 12.30
	Polish, Lithuanian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese - H&O - Written	2.00 – 4.30
	- Aural	9.30 – 12.00
	Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and Non Curricular Languages (see Note 2)	12.10 – 12.50
		2.00 – 5.00
	Agricultural Science - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
TUESDAY 16	Spanish - H & O - Written	2.00 – 5.00
	- Aural	9.30 – 12.30
	Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
WEDNESDAY 17	Physics - H & O	2.00 – 5.00
	Physics and Chemistry - H & O	9.30 – 12.30
	Accounting - H & O	1.30 – 3.00
	Design and Communication Graphics - H & O	3.15 – 4.45
		5.00 – 5.45
THURSDAY 18	Music - Listening (Core) - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Music - Listening (Elective) - H	2.00 – 4.30
FRIDAY 19	Economics - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
		12.10 – 12.50
	Physical Education - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
		12.10 – 12.50
	Italian - H & O - Written	2.00 – 4.30
	- Aural	2.00 – 5.00
	Russian - H & O - Written	2.00 – 4.00
	- Aural	2.00 – 4.30
MONDAY 22	Classical Studies - H & O	9.30 – 12.00
	Latin - H & O	12.10 – 12.50
	Technology - O	9.30 – 12.00
	Technology - H	9.30 – 12.30
	Japanese - H & O - Written	2.00 – 4.00
	- Aural	2.00 – 4.30
TUESDAY 23	Politics & Society - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Arabic - H & O	2.00 – 4.30
	Religious Education - O	2.00 – 4.30
	Religious Education - H	2.00 – 4.30
	Applied Mathematics - H & O	2.00 – 4.30

Notes

- The examination sessions highlighted in red include 20 minutes over and above the time traditionally allocated for the papers concerned.
- Leaving Certificate Examinations in Hebrew Studies, Ancient Greek and in the Non-Curricular Languages listed below will be held on **Monday 15 June from 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

Non-Curricular Leaving Certificate Examinations:				Bulgarian	Croatian	Czech	Danish	Dutch	Estonian
Finnish	Hungarian	Latvian	Maltese	Modern Greek	Romanian	Slovakian	Slovenian	Swedish	Ukrainian

3. Examinations based on the curricular specifications for Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish and Portuguese will be held on Monday 15 June.





Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED EXAMINATION SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION DATES 2026

Schedule of Dates from January to May

Month	Date	Description
January	Friday 16	Finishing date for LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1), (Session 3 Year 2)
January	Monday 26	Start date for assessment of LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1, General Education and Session 3 Year 2, Practical Achievement, Contemporary Issue & Vocational Education).
January	Friday 30	Finishing date for assessment of LCA Task Work (Session 1 Year 1 and Session 3 Year 2).
April	Friday 10	Finishing date LCA Task Work (Session 2 Year 1).
April	Monday 27	Start date for the assessment of LCA Task work (Session 2 Year 1)
May	Friday 1	Finishing date for LCA Personal Reflection Task Finishing date for the Assessment of LCA Task work (Session 2, Year 1)

Schedule of Dates from May to June

Month	Date	Description
May	Friday 8	• Final Date for Return of LCA Personal Reflection Task. • Finishing date for LCA Practical Coursework.
May	5 – 8 plus 11	LCA Oral examinations in English and Communication (Year 2 candidates), Gaeilge Chumarsáideach, French, German, Spanish and Italian (Year 1 and Year 2 candidates).
May	Monday 11	Finishing date for LCA Oral examinations.
May	Wednesday 13	ICT (Specialism) Practical performance and written examination (10.00 – 11.30).
May	11 - 15	LCA Practical Performance examinations in Hotel Catering & Tourism, Office Admin & Customer Care, Active Leisure Studies, Hair & Beauty & Agriculture/Horticulture
May	Friday 15	Finishing date for LCA Practical Performance examinations.
June	Tuesday 2	LCA Practical Coursework assessment in Graphics/ Construction, Engineering, Technology, Childcare/Community Care and Craft & Design. Note that these assessments continue from 8 to 12 June also.

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WEDNESDAY 3	9.45 – 11.45 --- ----- 2.00 – 4.00	English & Communication ----- ----- Social Education
THURSDAY 4	9.30 – 10.30 9.30 – 12.30 ----- 2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 3.00 9.30	Gaeilge Chumarsáideach Sign Language (see Note 1) ----- Sign Language (see Note 1) French / German / Spanish / Italian
FRIDAY 5	– 11.30 ----- 2.00 – 3.30 9.30	Mathematical Applications ----- Hotel Catering & Tourism Engineering
MONDAY 8	– 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Child Care / Community Care ----- Graphics & Construction Studies
TUESDAY 9	9.30 – 11.00 11.30 – 1.00 ----- 2.30 – 4.00	Hair & Beauty ----- Office Administration & Customer Care
WEDNESDAY 10	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 4.00	Agriculture / Horticulture ----- Technology
THURSDAY 11	9.30 – 11.00 ----- 2.00 – 3.30	Active Leisure Studies ----- Craft & Design

NOTES:

1. LCA Sign Language examination is timetabled for 9.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 4.30. A candidate specific schedule, for a 30 minute individual assessment, will be drawn up for each centre.





**LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION DATES 2026**

NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
<p>Monday 3 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Home Economics - Practical Coursework 	<p>Friday 12 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Physical Education - Physical Activity Project - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Economics Research Study 	<p>Friday 16 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Design & Communication Graphics Practical Coursework - Completion date for Leaving Certificate Classical Studies Research Study Report
MARCH/APRIL 2026		APRIL 2026
<p>Monday 2 March Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Vocational Programme, Link Modules Portfolio of coursework</p> <p>Friday 13 March Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Engineering Project Component</p> <p>Thursday 19 March Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Computer Science Coursework Project</p> <p>Friday 20 March Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Applied Mathematics Mathematical Modelling Project</p> <p>Monday 23 March Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Physical Education – Performance Assessment</p>	<p>Saturday 28 March to Thursday 2 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Lithuanian, Portuguese, and Polish 	<p>Monday 13 April to Friday 24 April - Leaving Certificate Music Practical Examinations</p> <p>Friday 17 April Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Home Economics, Scientific and Social - Construction Studies Project Component - Technology Practical Coursework - Art Practical Coursework - History Research Study Report - Geographical Investigation Report - Agricultural Science Individual Investigative Study</p> <p>Tuesday 21 April to Thursday 23 April - Leaving Certificate Art Practical examination window</p> <p>Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, and Thursday 30 April - Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical</p> <p>Wednesday 29 April - Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules Written Examination (10.00 – 12.30)</p>
MAY 2026		JUNE 2026
<p>Friday 1 May Completion date for Leaving Certificate: - Religious Education Practical Coursework - Politics & Society Citizenship Project - Music, Higher Level Elective in Composing</p> <p>Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6, and Thursday 7 May - Leaving Certificate Engineering Practical</p> <p>Wednesday 20 May - Leaving Certificate Computer Science - Written Examination Higher and Ordinary Level. Section A & B – 9.30 – 11.00 - Section C – 11.30 – 12.30</p>	<p>Tuesday 2 June Start date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate: - Construction Studies Practical and Project Components - Engineering Practical and Project Components - Textile Studies, Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social - Technology Practical Coursework</p> <p>Wednesday 3 June Start date of the written examinations</p> <p>Friday 5 June - Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social - Start date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate Art Coursework and Practical Components</p> <p>Friday 12 June Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate: - Construction Studies Practical and Project Components - Engineering Practical and Project Components - Leaving Certificate Technology Practical Coursework</p> <p>Wednesday 17 June - Finishing date for the marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate Art Coursework and Practical Components</p>	





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JUNIOR CYCLE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2026

Each candidate should note carefully the dates and hours, as fixed on this official timetable, for the examinations in the subjects in which he/she intends to present himself/herself. The Commission will not be responsible for any errors which may occur in the reproduction of this timetable by outside agencies. Candidates are required to be in attendance at least half an hour before the examination begins in the subject in which they first present themselves.
The start time for all Junior Cycle afternoon examinations is 1.30p.m.

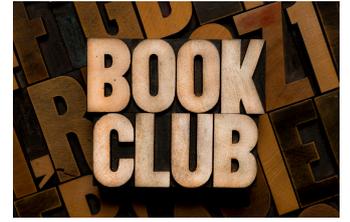
JUNE	SUBJECT H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level C = Common Level	TIME
WEDNESDAY 3	English - H & O	9.30 – 11.30
THURSDAY 4	Religious Education - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
FRIDAY 5	Irish T1 - H & O (incl aural) Irish T2 - H & O (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30 9.30 – 11.30
MONDAY 8	Geography - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
TUESDAY 9	History - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
WEDNESDAY 10	Mathematics - H & O	1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 11	Science - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Business Studies - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
FRIDAY 12	Common Level Italian (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
	Common Level French (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
MONDAY 15	Home Economics - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
	Spanish (incl aural) - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
	German (incl aural) - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Wood Technology - Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
	Jewish Studies - Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Music - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
	Engineering - Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
	Classics - Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
	Applied Technology - Common Level	9.30 – 11.00



Extra-Curricular Activities

Clubs/Activities 2025/26

Book Club Ms. Malone, Ms. Quigley, Ms. Craig



Trad Group Ms. Byrne, Ms. Furey, Ms. McKinney, Ms. Mooney

Cli-Mates - Foireann Ghlas Ms. Dowds, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Galton



Musical Ms. Byrne, Ms. Mooney, Ms. Doherty

Concern Debates Ms. Gorney, Ms. H. McDermott, Ms. Malone

Art Club Ms. Quigley



Warhammer Club Ms. Quigley

Gaming Ms. C. McDermott

Bake Club Ms. L. Doherty



Student Council Ms. O' Sullivan

Ukulele Club Ms. Mooney

Library is open at Breaktime and Lunchtime every day

Pope John Paul Awards & Papal Cross Awards Ms. O' Connor



Choir Ms. Byrne

Junk Kouture Ms. Quigley

Revolve Fashion Ms. Quigley



Young Scientist Ms. Galton



Upcoming Events

26 January	3rd Year/TY Subject Choice Night
29 January	Mock Exams Commence
31 January	Ski Trip Departure
2 February	School Closed for Bank Holiday
3 February	5th Year Work Experience Week
4 February	TY Work Experience Week
13 February	Mock Exams End Last day before Mid-Term Break

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